

WACO NEWS.

Miss Lillian Fred of Chicago, who was the holiday guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. Fred, has returned home.

Last Tuesday Mrs. Maurice Eisenberg entertained a few of her friends at bridge in honor of Miss Libbie Fred, who has just returned from her trip north. At the conclusion of the game a two-course luncheon was served. Miss Fred won the prize, a beautiful sewing set.

Mr. Irving Weber of Fort Worth stopped over to visit his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. L. Fred, while on his way to enter the University at Austin.

Mrs. George Shepps of Dallas was the holiday guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Cohen.

Mrs. H. Dalkowitz, nee Miss Evelyn Novich, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Novich of Herring avenue.

ZIONIST CONVENTION LAST DAY

(Delayed)

The Zionists of America closed a historic convention Thursday in the Auditorium Theater after accepting a budget for the coming year of \$2,927,515, voting amendments to the constitution that will give partial rule of the organization to the people and electing officers.

With the exception of the officers of treasurer and assistant treasurer, the present incumbents were returned. Justice Louis D. Brandeis, hailed as the Zionists' silent leader, was re-elected honorary president, Judge Julian W. Mack was re-elected president.

Other officers are Dr. Stephen S. Wise, New York, vice president; Dr. Harry Friedenwald, Baltimore, vice-president; Peter Schweitzer, New York, treasurer; Walter S. Meyer, New York, assistant treasurer; Jacob de Haas, Boston and New York, executive secretary; Louis Lipsky, New York, organization secretary; Henrietta Szold, New York, educational secretary.

The finance committee's budget, which the convention adopted without dissent, represents only part of the fund the organization proposes to raise among American Jews during the year. Executive committeemen hope that various activities will net at least \$7,000,000 to be employed in developing the Jewish commonwealth in Palestine.

In addition, forty-one members of the executive committee were chosen, which gives a membership to that committee when the general officers of the organization are included of fifty persons.

The executive committee chosen is composed of:

Senior Abel, New York; B. Antanow, Chicago; Morris L. Avner, Pittsburgh; Reuben Brainin, New York; Israel B. Brodie, Baltimore; Harry Cutler, Providence; Rabbi Eben, Buffalo; Marcus S. Fechheimer, Cincinnati; Mrs. Joseph Fels, New York; Bernard Flexner, New York; Felix Frankfurter, Washington; Howard Gans, New York; Abraham Goldberg, New York; Morris Goldman, St. Louis; Dr. Geo. Gordon, Minneapolis; Professor Richard Gottheil, New York.

I. Hassin, New York; Dr. James G. Heller, Philadelphia; Dr. Max Heller, New Orleans; Louis E. Kirstein, Boston; Dr. Joseph Krinsky, New York;

I. Irving Lipsitch, San Francisco.

Morris Margolies, New York; the Rev. H. Masliansky, New York; Dr. Martin A. Meyer, San Francisco; Dr. Hyman Marrison, Boston; Emanuel Neumann, New York; Doctor Paletz, Savannah; Judge Hugo Pam, Chicago; Bernard G. Richards, New York; Louis Robinson, New York; Bernard A. Rosenblatt, New York; Sol Rosenbloom, Pittsburgh; Jonas Rosenfeld, Dallas; Morris Rothenberg, New York.

Jacob Saks, Norfolk; William Sauber, Green Bay; Samuel Schimmel, Philadelphia; Max Shulman, Chicago; Rabbi A. H. Silver, Cleveland; Joshua Sprayregen, New York; Nathan Straus, New York; Robert Szold, Chicago; Samuel H. Waldstein, Boston; Horace M. Kallen, New York; Nathan D. Kaplan, Chicago.

Authorization was given the executive committee to curb unsanitary conditions in Palestine, conditions hampering the country's well-being and the welfare of the people now living there.

An agency by the convention's mandate, is to be created for the purpose of stimulating business enterprises in Palestine, and to bring in outside capital if necessary.

Another agency will conduct an import business that the needed supply of machinery, implements and raw materials may be increased.

The delegates to the Zionists' convention have gone home convinced that they have cleared the way for the establishing of the Jewish state in Palestine as soon as the Turkish treaty is made a matter of public history. They believe that the year 1920 will witness an unprecedented Jewish renaissance in the United States. Jewish literature, Hebrew music and all forms of Semitic culture will be revived as a part of Zionist propaganda. In addition to the cultural work undertaken by the convention for the next year numerous committees have been appointed for the purpose of lining up American-Jewish financial interests and co-ordinating the various Jewish organizations in the country.

Thursday's session in the Auditorium Theater revealed that the Zionists are confronted by a number of difficulties within their own ranks in putting over their ideal of a Jewish homeland. Three or four rival organizations exist who have to date refused to submerge themselves under the Zionist banner. Also there is a strong feeling among orthodox rabbis that Zionism is a weaning from religion to politics. An equally strong anti-Zionist feeling also exists among the Reform Jews. These argue that America is the best field for the development of the Jew and Americanism should be his highest ideal.

BOLSHEVIKI PERSECUTING BERDITCHEV JEWS.

Warsaw: (By I. J. P. B.) A Berditchew Jew who has just come here tells that the Bolsheviki levied a contribution of 10,000,000 rubles on the Jewish Kehillah of Berditchew, and were dissatisfied when they were given only 6,000,000 rubles. They then confiscated bedding belonging to the Jews. The same Jew also declares that Jewish workers are being forced by the Bolsheviki to work on Saturdays and holy days, and that the rabbi of the city has been arrested because he is a Zionist.

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